



### **Purchase Card Basics**

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#### **Purchase Card Basics**

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Understanding the Purchase Card Program
- Transaction and Authorization Process
- U.S. Bank Program Support
- Access Online and Web-Based Training



#### What is a Purchase Card?

- Charge card used by employees
- Method of payment
- Can be used for goods & services for your agency's business needs
- Widely accepted
- Ease of use



### **Understanding the Purchase Card Program**

- Purchase Card
  - Micro-purchases
  - Contract Payments
- Convenience Checks
- Cardless Accounts



### What Can The Purchase Card Do For You?

- Card controls
  - Transaction size limit
  - Merchant category code restrictions
  - Other non-traditional controls available
- Single invoice presentment
  - 100s of cardholders rolled up to single invoice
  - 1,000s of transactions settled on one bill
  - One payment to the bank instead of multiple checks to merchants
- Financial benefits such as increased cash float and rebates



### **Key Features of the Purchase Card**

- High merchant acceptance that facilitates usage
- Robust program management technology product-Access Online
  - Program administration
    - Account setup & maintenance
  - Comprehensive reporting
    - Transaction spend
    - Merchant spend
    - Socio-economic group spend
  - Transaction management
    - Allocation, splitting, and approval



### **Purchasing Card Trends**

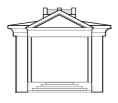
- Purchasing Card Benchmark Survey by Richard Palmer and Mahendra Gupta
- Overall combined purchase card usage between corporate and Federal customers expected to reach \$218 billion by 2012
- On average, each purchase card transaction results in \$70 savings vs. issuing purchase order
- Misuse accounts for only .034% of all dollars spent, and .000067% of all transactions
- Purchasing card misuse lowest in Federal / State agency card programs
  - Highest occurs in City / County



### **Transaction Flow Process**



- •Cardholder
- •Provider of goods/services.
- •Responsible for compliance with Visa / MC Operating Rules & Regulations.
- •Controls passage of transaction data.



- Merchant Bank
- Merchant's financial institution.
- •Responsible for the issuance and administration of Purchase card terminal device.



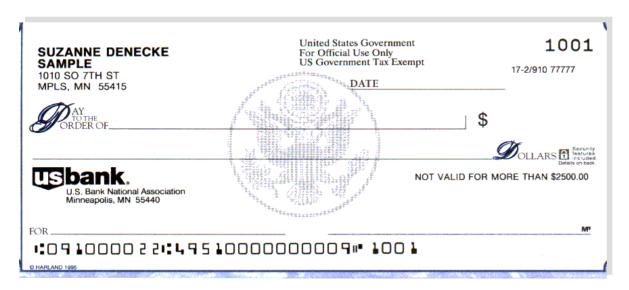
- **Brand**
- •Governing Body for Visa / MC Branded Cards
- •Establishes
  Regulations and
  Standards for Issuance,
  Use, Acceptance, and
  Processing



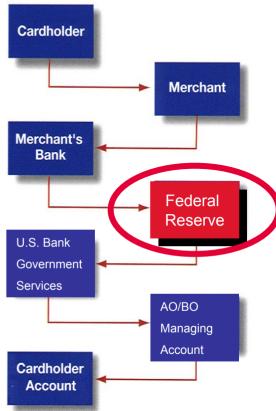
- **Issuing Bank**
- •GPC Partner.
- •Responsible for issuance, maintenance and reporting.
- •Establishes
  Authorization
  Controls.



#### **Convenience checks**



- Convenience Checks cannot be disputed.
- Part of the GSA OCCM Initiative is to reduce Convenience Check usage by 5% during FY2010.
- USBank has other products that may help reduce or replace check usage. Please work with your Relationship Manager.





#### **Green Initiatives**

- U.S. Bank will be issuing all cards on recycled plastic, when current card stock has run out
- GSA has following sessions on the Government's Green Initiative
  - Buy Green with GSA
  - GSA Smartpay in More Than One Flavor: Innovative Products & Services



### **Program Terminology**

- **SP2** = GSA SmartPay 2 Master Contract
- TSYS = Total Systems
- Access Online = U.S. Bank Electronic Access System
- A/OPC = Agency Organization Program Coordinator
- SPL = Single Purchase Limit
- MCC = Merchant Category Code



### Roles and Responsibilities

- GSA SmartPay Contracting Office
  - Administrator of the Master Contract between GSA and the banks
- U.S. Bank
  - Issuing Bank for Department's/Agency's Government Purchase Cards



### Roles and Responsibilities

- Agency/Organization Program Coordinator (A/OPC)
  - Responsible for his/her agency's/organization's purchase card program
- Approving/Billing Official
  - Responsible for managing the billing, payment, and/or approval process
- Cardholder
  - Responsible for using his/her purchase card in accordance with the agency's/organization's policies and procedures



### **Understanding the Purchase Card Program**

#### Sample Purchase Card Program Structure

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#### REPORTING HIERARCHY

#### PROCESSING HIERARCHY

Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

Level 4

Level 5

Level 6

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00069 Dept. of Transportation

**00007** Federal Aviation Admin

10012 FAA Eastern Region

51905 ASW-540

61914 Houston IAH ATCT

Bank Number - 8203

**Agent Number - 0007** 

Company Number - 10012

Division Number - 61914



### **Processing Hierarchy Terms**

- Bank Number
  - A number used for grouping agents within Total Systems
- Agent Number
  - A four-digit number used to group managing accounts within a "Bank"
- Company Number
  - A unique five-digit number that is directly associated with the managing account
- Managing Account Number
  - The account number used for billing/payment of cardholder accounts



### **Authorization Control Options**

#### **Spending Limits**

- Single Purchase
- Daily
- Cycle
- Quarterly
- Yearly

#### **Bank Thresholds**

- Daily Spend limit
- Number of Daily Transactions
- Mail Order Spend Limit

#### **Merchant Controls**

- Pre-Defined MCC Templates
- Custom Templates
- Templates consist of MCCs

#### **Transaction Limits**

- Daily
- Cycle
- Quarterly
- Yearly
- User Defined



## **Frequently Used Account Status Codes**

CODE	DEFINITION	NOTES
Open	Account Open/Active	"Open" or Blank
V9	Voluntary Close	Temporary Closure
Т9	Termination	Permanent Closure
F1	Lost/Stolen	Account Closed
FA	Fraud	Account Closed, Fraud Case Started
FR	Potential Fraud	Account Blocked, Cardholder Contacted



### U.S. Bank Program Support

- U.S. Bank Team
  - Project Manager
  - Directors, Civilian or Defense Programs
  - Relationship Manager
  - Account Manager
  - Account Coordinator
  - Technical Helpdesk
  - Customer Service

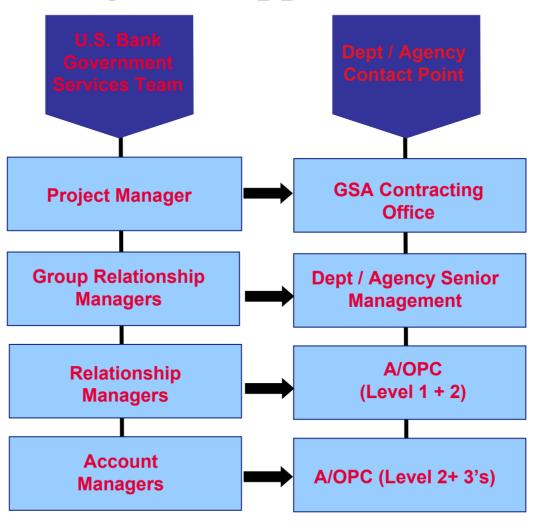


### Relationship Management

- Works with high level A/OPC's within the agency
- Assists agency with policy & procedures for the card program(s)
- Assists agency with finding ways to maximize rebate
- Performs periodic reviews of the card program
- Monitors mutual account performance goals
- Introduces value added products & services
- Assists with implementations and agency reorganizations
- Other overall program/agency initiatives
- Relationship Managers are located in Washington, DC
- Account Managers are located in DC, Minneapolis, MN and Fargo, ND

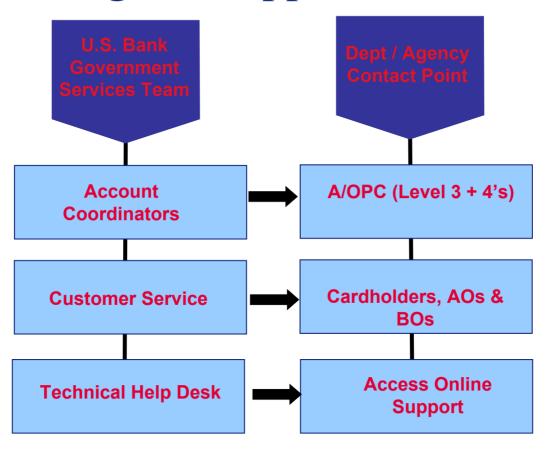


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### U.S. Bank Account Coordinator Team

(800) 254-9885 - option #3

- Jennifer Dalhed (USDA)
- Nicole DeMario (Army/DoD Agencies)
- Brian Ollison (FDIC, GAO, VA)
- Lisa Eriksson (VA)
- Chris Meyers (DOT, CFTC, FMCS, USPS)
- Kaydee Weida (Army, DoD Agencies, VA)
- Brock Anderson (USAF)
- Krissy Kane (VA)
- Virlisa Lane (Army, USAF, DoD Agencies)

Gov.Service@usbank.com



#### **Account Coordinators**

- Located in Minneapolis, MN at U.S. Bank Plaza
- Available 7:00 am to 6:00 pm central time
- Supports the A/OPC
- Can be reached at 800-254-9885 option 3, direct at 612-973-1383, or gov.service@usbank.com
- If you reach your AC's voice mail, you may press 0 to be transferred to the next available AC for assistance



### U.S. Bank Customer Service Team

- Located in Fargo, ND and Coeur d'Alene, ID
  - 888-994-6722 Toll Free
  - 701-461-2232 Direct
    - Collect calls accepted



- Available 24 hours / 7 days per week
- Supports A/OPCs, Financial Managers, Approving Officials, Cardholders



### **Reasons for Contacting Customer Service**

- Payment Inquiries
- Balance inquiry
- Statement request also available on Access Online
- Card Replacement
- Report card Lost/Stolen
- Disputes also available on Access Online
- Declined Transaction also available on Access Online
- Card Activation
- Check Orders also available on Access Online
- Access Online password reset and general navigation
- Other



### U.S. Bank Technical Support Team

- 800-254-9885
- Located in Fargo, ND
- Access Online support option #2
  - Navigation
  - Troubleshooting
    - Effective 11/30/2008, support team available 24 hours / 7 days per week
- Association Data Mining Tools support option #3

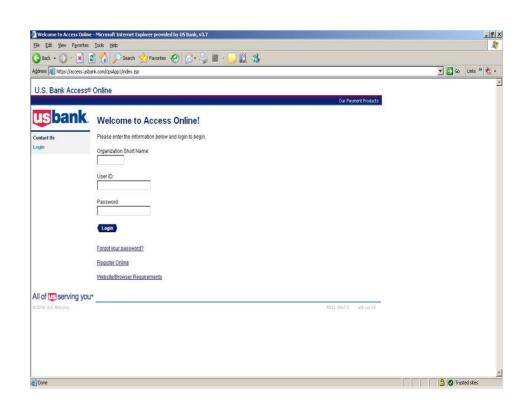


### **Access Online Technical Support**

- Now Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Located in Fargo, ND & Coeur D'Alene, ID
- Dedicated, trained staff handling over 12,000 calls monthly
- Required for Verification: User Id & Password
- Assist with error messages
- Assist with Access Online program issues
- How To?
- Password reset
- Can be reached at 800-254-9885 option 2, direct at 701-461-0186, email accessonlinesupport@usbank.com

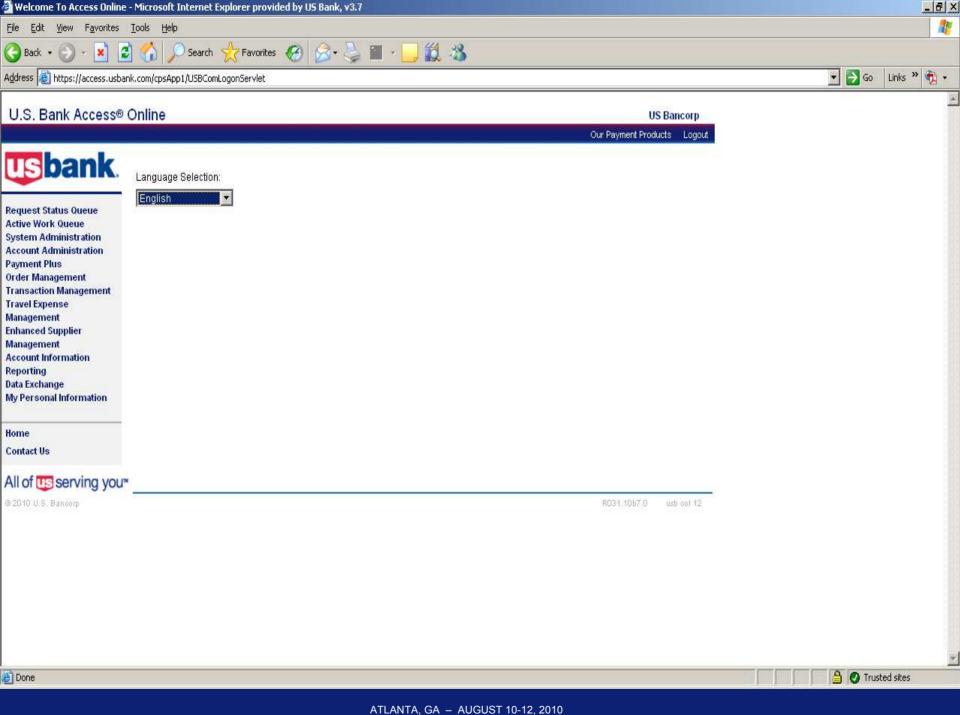
### U.S. Bank Access® Online

- Internet-based Electronic Access System
- Available anytime, anywhere
- Secure, entitlement/ hierarchy based log-on



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### **Access Online Web-based training**

- Self-guided tour offering 24 lesson modules
- System allows enrollment/ certification options
- User guides, quick reference documents, and simulations

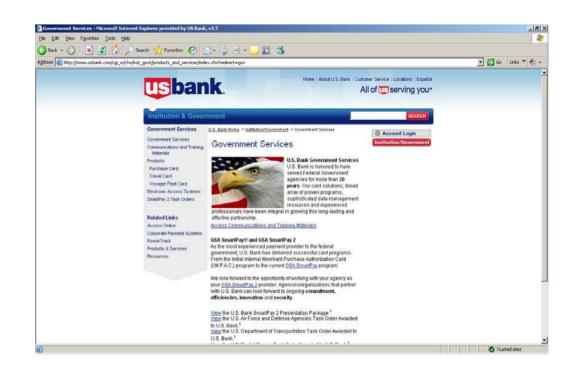


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### U.S. Bank Government Services website

- One-stop shop for program information
- Agency-specific guides and forms
- Links to other applicable U.S. Bank products/solutions

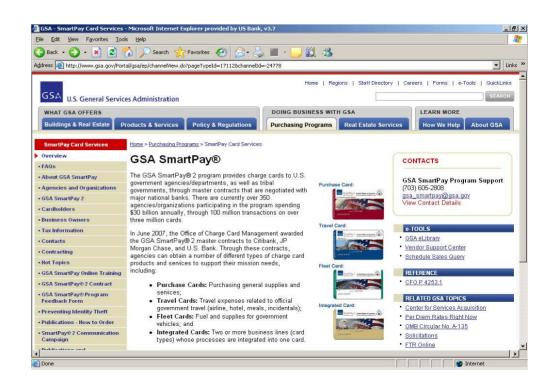


- http://www.usbank.com/gov



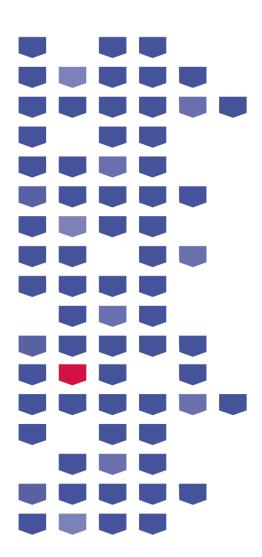
### **GSA SmartPay website**

- General information regarding purchase card program
- Cardholder & A/OPC training
- Tax exempt information
- Presentations, publications, OMB circulars



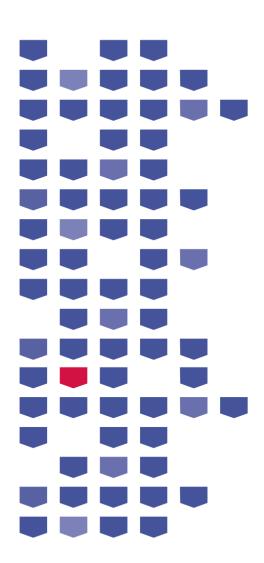
GSA Website is slated to for improvements in Fall of 2010





# Questions?





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